SUBJECT No. 56.

Reduction of rate of fees for granting certified copies in Registration offices.

Mr. H. Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The fee of 4 annas per 100 words for granting copies in Registration offices is very high. It may therefore be reduced to 1½ annas as in Revenue offices.

Reply of Government.—Change undesirable.

SUBJECT No. 57.

Registration Fees.

Messrs. Nama Rangiah, Chintamani Taluk; Chik Ramanna, Suryanaranappa, Sonne Gowda and Byre Gowda, Kolar Taluk; Rama Rao and H. V. Bhima Rao, Malur Taluk; Halagar Venkatasubbaiya, Belgere Subrahmanya Bhatta, Koppa Taluk; B. Narasinga Rao, District Board, Mysore; Chandrasekharaiya, Nagamangala Taluk; Lakshminarnappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk; S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality; C. Subba Rao, District Board, Shimoga; Nadig Lakshmana Rao and Bhaskhara Rao, Sorab Taluk; Venkatasubbaiya and Suryanarayanasetti, Arkalgud Taluk; Subbasetti, Srinivásamurti and Ramaswamiengar, Hassan Taluk; Krishnasastri, District Board, Mysore; Nanjegowda and Rangasetti, Krishnarajpete Taluk; A. Narasimhaiya and Ramaiya, Malvalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(i) Formerly a fee of one rupee was levied for searching documents in Sub-Registry Offices irrespective of the number of years to which the search related. A fee of one rupee for the first year and four annas for every other year is now levied. The old scale may be revived.

The party may be given the option of searching the registers himself or of having them searched by the Registering Officer, in which case an additional fee not exceeding Re. 1 may be levied.

In cases where the search is made by parties, the Registering Officer may certify that the party was given access to the registers for a sufficient time.

The prescribed printed forms of application may be ordered to be supplied free of charge, and the searching fee reduced to annas 8 for the first year and annas 2 for each succeeding year.

Note.—After much discussion the members expressed themselves in favor of reverting to the old system under which parties searched the registers themselves on the payment of a fixed fee. They agreed to the fee being fixed at Rs. 1-8-0 instead of Re. 1 as before.

(ii) The rule of the Chief Court requiring search certificates for a period of 12 years may be withdrawn.

Reply of Government.—(i) Orders will be passed on the lines agreed to by the members.

(ii) The Chief Court intend to modify the rule to some extent.

SUBJECT No. 58.

Reduction of fees to Registering Officers for attendance at private residences.

Messrs. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk, and M. Hassan Ali Beg, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—A fee of Rs. 10 in addition to a mileage of 4 annas is at present levied in case Registering Officers are required to attend at private residences. This entails much hardship on parties. The fee may be reduced to 5 rupees, or the mileage rate reduced by one-half. Mussalmans are in need of this privilege more than others.

Reply of Government.—No change is desirable.

SUBJECT No. 59.

Investigation Centre Scheme.

Mr. Y. Rama Rao, Tumkur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—By the introduction of the Investigation Centre Scheme, the number of officers empowered to investigate cases is reduced. The ranges are very large in extent. Such a distribution creates prohibitive distances and is sure to lead to the hushing up of offences and other undesirable results. The scheme further